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WHAT THEY SAY.

Leading Citizens Interviewed Regarding the Wrangel Chamber of Commerce.

The JOURNAL has frequently called attention to the fact that our Chamber of Commerce is derelict in its duty, in failing to make any effort to secure any part of the \$100,000 appropriated by Congress for public buildings in Alaska, or in fact to do anything looking to the interests of Wrangel or south-eastern Alaska, and with a view of securing an opinion of our leading citizens on the Chamber of Commerce, a representative of the JOURNAL called on a number of merchants, with the following result: Rufus Sylvester of the firm of Reed & Sylvester, says, "Our Chamber of Commerce appears to be very slow to act in the matter of obtaining any part of the Congressional appropriation for public buildings in Alaska. Wrangel is very much in need of a new jail and improvements on the court house, and at least \$15,000 of the appropriation should come to Wrangel."

Duncan McKinnon says: "I have taken very little interest in the Chamber of Commerce for the reason that no concerted action was being taken by the merchants here, looking to the betterment of our city. I am heartily in favor of anything that will improve our condition, and consider a new jail and courthouse very essential in the upbuilding of Wrangel and you may say for me that I am always ready to do my part in any undertaking which has for its object the improvement of south-eastern Alaska."

Robert Reed of the firm of Reed & Sylvester, says: "I believe in a Chamber of Commerce being up to the times, always willing to abolish petty jealousies and work entirely for the general good of all. Wrangel is very much in need of a new courthouse and jail and efforts should be made at once to secure an appropriation for that purpose. The cost would not exceed \$20,000 and the money would be spent right here in town for labor and material. By all means let action be taken at once, before it is too late."

Mr. Healy says: "I am not a member of the Chamber of Commerce and have no interest in anything that they may do. I have all I can do to attend to my own business."

Geo. W. Bloomhardt of the Wrangel Drug Co., says: "It is a shame to see the way the Chamber of Commerce neglects its duties. Wrangel should not only secure a part of the \$100,000 appropriated by Congress for public buildings in Alaska, but steps should be taken at once looking to closer business relations with the nearby towns, such as Kliowac, Howcan, Ketchikan, and Metlakata and neighboring islands, all of which are coming rapidly to the front. Our present mail contract calls for only one mail a month, with post offices off the regular run of Alaska steamers. This should be increased to two at least in order to afford our merchants an opportunity to do business with merchants and prospectors in south-eastern Alaska. There are many other subjects which need attention, and it is the duty of our Chamber of Commerce to attend to them."

Tom Case of the firm of Case & Wilson, says: "I am a member of the Wrangel Chamber of Commerce, but have not of late attended any of their meetings for the reason that their time was all taken up discussing sanitary improvements and such other subjects that properly belong to a Board of Health. The great and vital subject of building up Wrangel and fostering her industries were not even touched upon. I am heartily in favor of a Chamber of Commerce that will work unitedly for the advancement of Wrangel and her industries. We should have a new courthouse and jail, and it is the duty of our Chamber of Commerce to see that we get it. We will never get anything we don't ask for and by all means let us not allow an opportunity pass without asking for at least \$15,000 of this appropriation."

Judge Willoughby Clark says: "The Chamber of Commerce seems to be passing through a period of sound sleep from which, I sincerely hope it will soon awaken, refreshed and able to grasp the many subjects that are awaiting immediate attention. Wrangel is very much in need of a courthouse and jail, and it is a shame that no effort has been made as yet to secure it from the appropriation already made by

Congress. There are other subjects which also claim the attention of the Chamber of Commerce and which that body should devote their time to at once. I hope the Journal will continue to work in the future as in the past for the upbuilding of Wrangel."

U. S. Marshall, W. D. Grant, says: "Our courthouse is entirely inadequate and we have no jail. Congress has appropriated \$100,000 for public buildings in Alaska, but, I am afraid that unless the people of Wrangel make a move soon the money will be all gone and we will be obliged to get along as we have been doing."

Judge Tustin says: "I am a new comer to Wrangel and am not prepared to say what the needs of Wrangel are in the way of a courthouse and jail, but, if the lack of facilities is the cause of Judge Johnson not holding court in Wrangel, as provided by law, of course some steps shall be taken to see that proper facilities are provided."

The law says, under the heading "An Act Providing a Civil Government for Alaska": "There shall be and hereby is established a district court for said district with the civil and criminal jurisdiction of district courts of the United States and the civil and criminal jurisdiction of district courts of the United States exercising the jurisdiction of criminal courts and such other jurisdiction not inconsistent with this act as may be established by law."

"And a district judge shall be appointed for said district who shall during his term of office reside therein and hold at least two terms of said court in each year, one at Sitka beginning on the first Monday in May and the other at Wrangel beginning on the first Monday in November."

Points About New York City.

A death occurs every seven minutes, and a child is born every six minutes.

Five hundred thousand people enter and leave the city every day.

The city contains 900,000 Germans, 850,000 Irish, 170,000 English, 150,000 Russians, 100,000 Italians, besides a big balance.

March all the people of the city in single file day and night and it would take nearly three months for them to pass by.

The whole property value of New York would buy one-third of the farms in the United States. Portions of Wall street and Broadway are valued at \$5,000 a square foot, and yet Manhattan Island was bought for \$24.

The paved streets would extend as one to Minneapolis.

The wharves and docks in single line from the Battery would reach New Haven, Conn.

The freight by rail exceeds one-third of all the shipments by rail in the Union.

Two-thirds of all the imports and two-fifths of all exports pass through the gateways of the city.

Ninety-six million dollars in checks and drafts pass through the clearing house each working day, or one-half larger than all the other banks in the nation.

What They Say.

The Morning Union is in receipt of a copy of the Stikeen River Journal published at Fort Wrangel, Alaska. It appears to be a bright newsy sheet, covering the doings of that part of the country in a creditable manner. Its columns teem with mining news and money-getting advertisements.

The Journal is a five column paper, made up typographically as well as any newspaper printed in the United States where the facilities for getting newspaper material are a sight better. The price of the Journal is ten cents. Bridgport, Conn. Morning Union.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Wrangel will give a Hallowe'en entertainment on Monday evening, October 31, at the Opera House. The program will consist of ducking for apples and other old fashioned Hallowe'en games. The hall will be lighted with Jack O' Lanterns, etc. The committee in charge of the entertainment to which all are invited, consists of Mrs. F. E. Cagle, Mrs. J. F. Lindsay and Mrs. J. R. McKeand. A small admission fee will be charged.

Judge Tustin Leaves for Alaska.

Hon. Fred Page-Tustin and family will leave on Tuesday morning's local for Portland. After spending a few days visiting friends in Portland they will go to Seattle where they will embark for Wrangel, Alaska, their future home.

The local lodge of Elks of which society Mr. Tustin is a prominent member, and which was instituted and brought to its present prominence mainly through his efforts, held a social and fraternal meeting Saturday evening in his honor. Mr. Tustin presented the lodge with an excellent portrait of himself, and the lodge presented him with a certificate of life membership suitably engraved on silver. Speeches and addresses were made by the members expressive of their regard for the first exalted ruler of their lodge, and eulogizing his worth as a citizen and man. Judge Tustin and his estimable wife have a host of friends in Roseburg, and in fact in every part of Oregon, who, while they regret to part with him, are glad of his advancement to so important a position as that to which he has been appointed.—Plaindealer, Roseburg, Ore.

Judge Tustin with his family arrived in Wrangel on the Cottage City on Thursday, and will enter immediately upon the duties of his office. In an interview with a Journal representative, the Judge stated that he was very much pleased with the appearance of our city, but having just arrived he could express no opinion on matters in general. Judge Tustin is a very agreeable gentleman and brings to Wrangel an enviable reputation as a jurist. There is no doubt but what he will ably fill the position of U. S. Court Commissioner for this district.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh Bread at Weigels Bakery.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A., Oct. 15th, Mr. J. A. Hunter was unanimously chosen to succeed Dr. V. McAlpin on the board of managers.

Capt. Willson, of the saw mill firm of Willson & Sylvester, returned from a pleasure trip to Juneau to-day, too late to be interviewed on the Chamber of Commerce question.

The reading room committee of the Y. M. C. A. propose to have another social evening next Wednesday evening in the social hall connected with the reading room. Musical and literary exercises will be provided together with a light lunch during the evening. Gentlemen and ladies are both cordially invited.

C. P. George of San Juan, Colorado, made the Journal a call this week and gave an interesting account of his trip from Ashcroft to Telegraph Creek over the Ashcroft trail. The story is a repetition of the oft told account of misrepresentation, hardships and privation incident to an overland trip of 1000 miles through a forest wilderness. Mr. George is an old mining man and is very favourable impressed by the country tributary to Glenora and thinks that next spring will see a great deal of work done in that country.

The Skagway News is pursuing a policy of abuse to every one and everything, except the name of the late "Soapy Smith" and the yellow journal published there. It is very evident that the editor of the News is off his feet somewhat. Nothing escapes him, Sitka, Juneau, Dyea and Wrangel all come in as object on which he can vent his spite. The Journal believes thoroughly in a policy of live and let live. Skagway, under certain conditions, would be a good town, but Juneau and Dyea are also good towns and are the gateways of good trails to the interior. Wrangel is to-day the best and most promising city in Alaska. We have a good river and the trail from the head of navigation on the Stikeen river is in better condition to-day than any trail in Alaska. To be sure the distance is greater than by some other routes, but there are no dangerous passes to be encountered, and when a railway is built from Glenora to Teslin, as it will be soon, this will be the only route to the Yukon. In addition to the interior trade, Wrangel has a vast country along the coast and on the islands tributary to Wrangel on which to draw for trade, and it is the coast trade rather than interior trade that will, in time, make Wrangel the largest and most prosperous city in Alaska, not excepting Skagway.

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The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Great Britain has issued an appeal for concerted action in fighting consumption. In the circular they thus unequivocally declare that the disease is communicable and preventable.

It is a pleasure to note the great amount of improvement work being done on the sidewalks of our city, as a result of the crusade inaugurated by the JOURNAL some time ago, against poor sidewalks. This week sidewalks have been built in front of the old brewery building and between the Fort Wrangell hotel and Healey's store. There is now only a few bad places which must be improved, and the owners should attend to them at once.

The most surprised man in Ponce after the surrender was the publisher of the daily paper, who was told by General Wilson that his presses and other property would not be confiscated. Out of pure gratitude he told the Americans that he would confine his news of the day to runaways, society and police court items, and wouldn't say a word about the capture of the city. When informed that he could hustle out his reporters and write up a story of the surrender if he felt so disposed, he almost dropped over in his paroxysm of joy and offered to send General Wilson the proofs of the first edition. "Damn it, man," General Wilson said, "I don't want to see your proofs. Go ahead and tell your story just as it is. We don't censor our newspapers and we believe in a free press." This unheard of liberty so completely upset the editor that in the first edition he abused the Spaniards in the purest Castilian, and expressed his sympathy for the new cause.

Last week a robbery was committed. The amount involved was under \$20. The act consisted of breaking into a man's shack during his absence and removing therefrom a small quantity of groceries, which were afterwards sold to a local dealer for a sum much under their actual value. The local dealer acted properly. When on learning that a theft had been committed, promptly came forward and stated that he had bought goods corresponding to those stolen and pointed out the man from whom he bought them. The owner of the goods compounded a felony by making a settlement with the thieves and hushing the matter up. This is not right nor justice. There are other interests at stake which must be protected. The public has rights which are not subservient to those of the individual. Winter is here and if owners of property are going to shut their eyes to theft, so long as they themselves are not pecuniary losers, we will soon degenerate into a condition, worse, if possible, than Skagway, where thieves run the town and levy tribute on all honest citizens. Let us put a stop to theft once by punishing the culprit. To compromise with a thief is worse than to commit the actual crime.

The development of Alaska has demonstrated that there are a vast number of good paying properties in south-eastern Alaska, a few of which have been located and filed on, but as yet, very little real prospecting has been done. Beach combings have been found in abundance, but beach combings are a lazy man's inheritance and do not represent any great value. What is wanted is property than can be worked without going below sea level to sink a shaft. And in order to find such property the prospector must go back from the beach into the mountains where prospecting becomes hard work, but where any good showing has a value and is a commodity that can be disposed of for something like its value. The simple location of a quartz vein does not in itself mean anything. There are thousands of quartz locations on record that are not worth the cost of filing on, and the man who simply files his claim and waits for capital to purchase it is wasting his time. He is rich in his own imagination only. He must develop his property sufficiently to demonstrate to the investor of capital that his property has merit and will insure a return for capital invested. Many of our prospectors have located properties that, at the surface present a good showing, some of these properties will pinch out and others will hold to a great depth. It is for the prospector to demonstrate which kind of property he has located, before he counts his gain and boasts of his claims. Our prospectors are far too apt to file on a claim and rest when he should be doing development work. If a claim is good the owner should be willing to demonstrate the fact by developing it. If it is surface cropings only, the prospector will avoid deceiving himself if he will simply develop his property.

The American and Canadian boundary Commission, in session at Ottawa, has discussed the question of turning over to the Canadian government a port on Lynn canal, possibly Skagway, in order to give Canada a free port of entry for the interior. This proposition has met with a hue and cry from both Skagway and Seattle, as such an arrangement would sever the bonds of matrimony which have existed between Seattle and the home of the late Soapy Smith, and would necessitate the losing to Seattle of her trade on Lynn canal. The great pressure which Seattle has brought to bear, has, it now appears resulted in calling the deal off as far as Skagway is concerned, and at present negotiations are being carried on looking to the giving to the Canadian government of Wrangell island, as compensation for sealing concessions in Behring sea. This arrangement will in all probability be agreed to and if it is Wrangell will become a Canadian city and as such will be the gateway of an all Canadian route to the Yukon. That Canada prefers the Stikeen route is proven by the fact that all the money which the Canadians have invested in Alaska is invested in Wrangell, and any change in the gateway to the Canadian Yukon would necessitate the abandonment of a vast sum already spent on improvements here. That no such move is contemplated is evident from the fact that the C. P. R. steamers have never been removed from the Stikeen river, and the great ocean liners Taratar and Athenian, bought by the C. P. R. especially for the run from Vancouver to Wrangell are still the property of that corporation. In an interview given

last week, at Victoria, by Sir Wm. Van Horne, president of the C. P. R., that gentleman stated regarding the Taratar and Athenian, that his company had only just bought them and had no idea of disposing of them. They had been taken off the Alaska run because of the falling off of trade, but would be put back on as soon as circumstances would warrant.

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News From the Interior.

Joseph Hotu of Montreal, the first of 800 pilgrims who tried the floating marshes route to the Klondike and got through, brought news to Dawson that many men were victims of the route. He was a year on the road and traveled 4,500 miles. He got through safely by floating 800 miles in an easterly direction on the Peace river to lake Athabasca and on portions of the Mackenzie and McMillan rivers.

Olaf Oleson, who has just returned from the Klondike, says that the report that every claim found on the Klondike is a pay claim is false. He says there are a few good claims on Bonanza creek. Dominion creek is reported very rich, but so far but little prospecting has been done. Mr. Olson says that where ten men are going in, 100 men are coming out, totally dissatisfied. There are thousands of men who would leave the Klondike region at once if they had the money to pay their way back. Dawson city is growing; besides the frame buildings there are over 2,000 tents in the city. He says that but very few men who go to the Klondike will come out with a fortune. The hospitals are full of patients who are sick with typhoid fever and there are not sufficient doctors to take care of them. Hundreds of men went up there taking every cent that they could rake together at home, most of these men are now broke and are crazy to return home. There are four saw mills at Dawson City and they are kept busy all the time. The Salvation Army corps has established headquarters at Dawson City and have erected a goodsized barracks, also a commodious hospital. Here are a few of the prevailing prices quoted by Mr. Oleson: Flour, \$8 per sack; sugar 30 cents per pound; ham, 60 cents per pound; eggs, \$3 per dozen; beef from 50 cents to \$1 per pound; dried fruits, 30 cents per pound; bacon, 30 cents per pound; watermelons, \$25 each; cigars, from 50 cents to \$1; butter, \$1 per pound; fresh potatoes, \$1 per pound; beer, 25 cents per glass; whiskey, 50 cents a drink; photographs, \$15 per dozen.

The greatest mining excitement ever known in Southern Oregon has been caused by a rich strike just made in the Siskyou mountains, one mile from the Jackson county line, on what is known as Sterling butte. William Angle and Jordon Browne are the lucky discoverers. They came to Medford with 50 pounds of gold dust which they deposited in the Jackson County bank. The ledge is of porphyry foamation, and is about 20 feet wide, the pay streak being from four inches to two feet in width. They have been prospecting for about six weeks, and struck the pay dirt about two weeks ago. They have taken out about 60 pounds of gold, and are very enthusiastic as to future developments. Mr. Angle was formerly a merchant in Medford. Two years ago, while selling a bill of goods to a miner named McCombs, he learned of the nature of the country in which the claim is located. He made several attempts to get tracings, but did not succeed until this season, when he took Mr. Brown, a pocket-hunter, with him, and within two weeks they made a find. Mr. Angle calls the claim the "Kondike," and he says the country is a fine one for prospecting. The mine is 7,200 feet above sea level. It is situated 15 miles from Coles station, on the Southern Pacific railroad.

Bargain Counter Postage Stamps.

The Detroit Free Press tells of a man by the name of Blumper who had failed in business once and lost his last dollar. He studied the thing over from every view and concluded that his fatal mistake was in not advertising. He was a general favorite in the country town where he had met disaster, but he had held nothing out from his creditors and his reward came in the shape of the postmastership. The income depended very largely on the number and value of stamps sold. Blumper determined that he would not fail again, at least from the same cause, so he placed a large display ad in the local paper, notifying the public that he had the largest, brightest, newest and best selected stock of postage stamps in the county. He would sell them at the lowest figure, warrant them to be all that was represented, would sell them in quantities to suit the purchasers, guarantee that they would carry a letter as far and as safely as any other stamps in the world, defied competition and wound up by saying that he had the backing of the government and as long as it was good he was good.

"It beat the band," tells an old citizen. "We laughed at him and knew that he was the first postmaster that ever adopted such tactics, but he was a winner. It tickled the people almost to death, and there is no better way of getting their favor. Blumper made a nice thing out of it, raising the post office to another class and thereby increasing his salary. He is now in private business again and thinks an advertisement about as good as ready money." Advertise in the Journal. The best medium in Alaska.

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Marriage and Courtship are Just as Popular as Ever They Were

"It is always interesting," said a middle-aged woman of wide experience, "to read up and study the whys and wherefores of the various articles on the subject of marriage. It always sets me wondering what manner of people they must be who look no further for their authority than the frivolous gossip of the day, who never take the trouble to go down into the heart of nature and the impulses that govern humanity to find out why things are. Now, somebody comes forward and publishes statistic of marriage in the various cities, and bewails the fact that the proportion is in some places much greater than in others. Then they sigh and mourn over it, and really fall to wondering what we all are coming to.

"There seems very little in the situation to wail over, for marrying and giving in marriage is going on every day, and there is no good reason to suppose that the end of this is anywhere near. Courting is just as delicious nowadays as it was a hundred years ago, carpings critics to the contrary notwithstanding.

"The prospect of a little home of their own is just as alluring as it was to our forefathers, and, everything taken into consideration, it is not much more difficult to maintain a family now than it was then. There are always foes to fight, contingencies to provide against, always chances of disappointments; but in the main the sweet old story gets told with as much sentiment as ever, the goodbyes are just as hard to say, and the welcome just as warm. It seems to me that people might be a great deal better employed than in worrying over the decadence of matrimony. Every article of this sort that is put into print is read by some one whom it may discourage or frighten, or fill with forebodings. This sort of literature is bringing about the very condition of affairs that it deplors, and more's the pity that those who engage in it are unable to see the mischief they are doing."

DON'T COUGH.

How to Avoid it and Thus Effect a Cure.

A physician who is connected with an institution in which there are many children says: "There is nothing more irritable to a cough than coughing. For some time I had been so fully assured of this that I determined for one minute at least to lessen the number of coughs heard in a certain ward in a hospital of the institution. By the promise of rewards and punishments I succeeded in inducing them simply to hold their breath when tempted to cough, and in a little while I was surprised to see how some of the children entirely recovered from the disease.

"Constant coughing is precisely like scratching a wound on the outside of the body; so long as it is done the wound will not heal. Let a person when tempted to cough draw a long breath and hold it until it warms and softens every air cell, and some benefit will soon be received from this process. The nitrogen which is thus refined acts as an anodyne to the mucous membrane, allaying the desire to cough and giving the throat and lungs a chance to heal. At the same time a suitable medicine will aid nature in her efforts to recuperate."—New York Examiner.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Ranch eggs strictly fresh at Hunt's. W. H. Fife has gone north for a short trip.

The Topeka left for the sound on Thursday.

Weigel makes a specialty of fine pastry to order.

The Farallon is expected from the south to-day.

The popular Book Exchange at The Hunt Grocery Co.

Weigel makes the best Pies, Cakes, and bread in town.

The Utopia and Rosalie called going south on Tuesday.

Remember that 322 Front street is the Hunt Grocery Co.

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Customs Officer Hunter is around again after quite a severe illness.

Capt. Callbreath left for Glenora with freight in a canoe on Sunday last.

A. G. McBride is spending a few days in Juneau looking after legal business.

The steady rains of this week have kept everyone's water barrel full to overflowing.

J. F. Roundtree, who has been on the sick list for a few days, is around again.

The Cottage City arrived from the south on Thursday, bringing mail. She is on her regular run to Sitka.

Mrs. T. J. Case, Mrs. F. Frobese and Miss Agnes Young made the Journal office a pleasant call on Friday.

The steamers Rosalie, Topeka and City of Seattle all touched at Wrangell on their way north last Sunday.

Lost on the Troup wharf. A pair of spectacles. Finder, please leave at office on the wharf and receive reward.

Collector of Customs, J. W. Ivey, and deputy J. A. Arment, are in Portland, and will return to Wrangell on the first steamer.

Clark & Ingersoll are building a shed on the wharf back of their building, where they will store wood and coal for winter use.

Mrs. Ida Uhler, an old resident of Wrangell, who has been absent for some time in Japan, returned Thursday on the Cottage City.

Attorney M. J. Cochran, left on the Cottage City for Sitka, to attend to court matters. He will return on the down trip of the same steamer.

Marshall W. D. Grant, left on the Cottage City for Sitka, on official business in connection with the sale of the steamers Glenora and Skagit Chief.

The steamer Casca, Capt. Gray, has left for up-river, but the distance she will go is very uncertain, owing to low water at this late season of the year.

Judge Willoughby Clark left on the Topeka for Juneau, from there he will take the Cottage City and proceed to Sitka on legal business. He is expected back on Tuesday.

Our popular merchant tailor, Wm. Bullock, returned on Thursday from a few days duck hunting. Our reporter went to count the game and reported a total of 3 coots.

Judge K. M. Jackson left on the Cottage City for Sitka, he will return on the same steamer. The Judge is saying his good-byes to his friends above, before taking leave of Alaska.

Every stray log found floating in the bay is eagerly seized by persons looking for winter fuel. The sawmill has to keep a man busy making sure that none of their logs get out of the booms.

R. C. Diehl will leave for the north on the next steamer, for the purpose of making a complete investigation of the Atlin lake country. His full report will be published in the Journal as soon as possible.

Mrs. T. G. Wilson, who was threatened with an attack of typhoid fever early in the week, has, under the skillful treatment of Dr. Lapsley, fully recovered, for which her many friends are truly thankful.

While the Al-ki was at the wharf on Wednesday evening, one of the passengers furnished amusement for the crowd, by falling in the bay. He was taken out without damage, except that he was thoroughly wet.

Our mail service this week has been all that could be desired. Monday we had the Al-ki and Thursday the Cottage City, both bringing mail from the south. If we could do as well always there would be no kick coming.

G. O. Grant, B. McDermoth, W. M. Wright, E. A. Peterson and Chas. G. Wescot came down from Glenora on Monday in a small boat. They are enroute below, but will return in the early spring to work their claims near Dease lake.

Dr. K. N. McAlpin wishes to announce to the public that he has succeeded to the practice of his father, Dr. V. McAlpin, and is prepared to do all kinds of dental work at his office in the Seward block.

Miss Bertha Hunt, one of Wrangell's good Samaritans, dropped into our sanctum on Tuesday and made the printers "civil" feel good by placing a bag of nice candy on the case and remarking "help yourself."

There are a number of hoodlums who are making night miserable for the quiet residents of second avenue, by howling and hooting in a way to put to shame the steamer Tees. Unless this is stopped at once marshall Grant will put a few of them in jail.

The Hunt Grocery Company has taken down the petition between their store and the store adjoining, and made one large commodious store room. The improvement is very noticeable as the old room was not large enough to display their large stock.

Weigel, the only baker, has removed his business to the store next to the Fife-Alaska Co. The building has been remodeled and specially arranged for his business, and Geo. is now in shape to turn out the finest goods in his line, to be had in Alaska.

Messrs. Lindsay, Taylor and Stowe returned from their hunting trip on Wednesday with about 12 dozen ducks and geese. They report a good time, and were it not for the unceasing rain at least double the quantity of game would have been secured.

T. C. McHugh of the St. Michael Trading Company, has been called to Cincinnati, Ohio, by the sudden illness of his father. Mr. McHugh left on the Topeka and his many friends in Wrangell will join him in hoping that his parent may speedily be restored to health.

W. D. McCloud and wife of Howcan, who have been spending a few days in our city seeing their old friends, returned to Howcan on Thursday. Mr. McCloud reports the mining prospects around Howcan as looking very encouraging. A great deal of development work will be started in the spring.

Purser Dickinson, of the wrecked steamer Brixham, arrived in Wrangell Monday night in a small boat, and tells the story of hardships endured by the passengers, especially the lady passengers, of whom there are ten, when Dickinson left. They are camped on Blackie island, 24 miles from Wrangell, living in a tent with all their clothing and blankets wet, and suffering from exposure. The Utopia left Wrangell Tuesday afternoon and was to call in at the wreck and take off the passengers and crew. The Brixham was in charge of Capt. Jas. Durie and pilots Chester and Hansen. Capt. Chester being on watch at the time of the accident.

An amusing incident happened this week. A party of Klondikers from up-river had returned in a canoe and made landing at the Troup wharf. It was on Tuesday evening quite late, and it was very dark. One of the party after coming up the slip turned and instead of going towards the dock deliberately walked into the bay. He was taken out none the worse except for a good ducking. The incident happened at a time when the tide was extremely low and the distance from the wharf to the water was about 30 feet. After being taken out the unfortunate individual walked to the edge of the wharf and measuring the distance as well as he could with his eye, said "I thought I would never reach the water."

Regular Church Services—Presbyterian Church.

Services for Natives, 11 a. m., and 4 p. m. Sunday and 4 p. m. Wednesday. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.

Song service 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Friday, 8 p. m.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Dominion of Canada, British Columbia. Rules for the Navigation of Stikine River.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada has made arrangements for a system of signalling at Little Canyon on the Stikine River. The system will be established immediately after the opening of navigation a station will be established at each end of the canyon, at which signals will be displayed for the guidance of vessels.

A white ball, or disc, hoisted to the top of a mast will denote that the channel is clear, and that a vessel may enter the canyon from the end at which the ball is displayed.

A red square will denote that the channel is not clear, and a vessel must not enter the canyon on any consideration when the drum is displayed.

The drum and ball shown together will be a signal between the two stations for information of the signalmen and no vessel may enter the canyon when this signal is shown.

In the event of vessels approaching the canyon on both ends simultaneously, the upward bound vessel will be held below the canyon until the descending vessel has run the canyon.

One prolonged blast of a steamer's whistle will be a request to the signalmen to show the all clear signal.

In any other part of the river within Canadian territory, if a vessel is warping up, a downward bound vessel must keep clear of her and her warping lines, stopping and tying up if necessary to prevent collision.

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